

What is claimed is:

1. A receptacle assembly supported on a surface or near surface offshore oilfield production structure for receiving therein and permanently supporting an elongate member extending downward to one of the seabed or another structure, the elongate member having

5 a supported surface affixed thereto, the receptacle assembly comprising:

a mounting bracket fixedly secured to the structure; and

a receptacle basket supported on the mounting bracket, the receptacle basket having an annular body with a throughbore therein for receiving the elongate member and having a basket supporting surface for planar engagement with the supported surface of the elongate member.

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2. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 1, wherein the receptacle basket is movable relative to the mounting bracket for reducing stress forces transmitted by the elongate member to the structure.

3. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 2, wherein the receptacle basket is pivotally supported on the supporting bracket and is movable about a substantially horizontal pivot axis.

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4. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 2, further comprising:  
an adjustment member for adjusting an angular position of the receptacle basket  
relative to the mounting bracket.

5. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 1, wherein the mounting bracket  
5 and receptacle basket include a receiving member on one and a projecting member on the  
other for selective engagement and disengagement of the receptacle basket and the mounting  
bracket.

6. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 5, wherein the projecting  
member is provided on the receptacle basket and the receiving member is provided on the  
10 mounting bracket.

7. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 5, wherein the receiving  
member is provided on the receptacle basket and the projecting member is provided on the  
mounting bracket.

8. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 1, wherein the receptacle basket  
15 includes a tapered supporting surface for mating engagement with a tapered supported  
surface on the elongate member.

9. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 1, further comprising:  
the mounting bracket includes a left side and a right side bracket plate; and  
a horizontal pin member interconnecting bracket plates and supporting the receptacle  
basket.

5 10. The receptacle assembly bracket as defined in Claim 9, wherein the  
receptacle basket includes a slot for receiving the pin member.

11. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 1, further comprising:  
a locking member for fixing the position of the receptacle basket relative to the  
mounting bracket.

10 12. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 1, further comprising:  
a stop secured to the receptacle basket for limiting downward movement of the  
receptacle basket relative to the elongate member.

13. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 1, wherein the mounting bracket  
is fixedly secured to the structure such that the elongate member, when supported on the  
15 receptacle basket with the receptacle basket supported on the mounting bracket, is positioned  
off a side of the offshore oilfield production structure.

14. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 1, wherein the receptacle basket includes a bore at a selected azimuth and declination relative to the oilfield production structure.

15. A method of permanently supporting an elongate member from a surface or near surface offshore oilfield production structure, the elongate member extending downward from the structure toward one of a seabed or another structure and having a supported surface affixed to the elongate member, the method comprising:

fixing a mounting bracket to the structure;

positioning a receptacle basket about the elongate member, the receptacle basket having a throughbore therein for receiving the elongate member and a basket supporting surface for planar engagement with the supported surface on the elongate member; and

thereafter suspending an assembly including the receptacle basket and the elongate member from the mounting bracket for supporting the receptacle basket therefrom and thereby supporting the elongate member.

16. The method as defined in Claim 15, further comprising:

forming a basket supporting surface on the receptacle basket such that, when the supported surface of the elongate member is supported on the receptacle basket, the elongate member will be positioned at a selected azimuth and declination relative to the offshore structure.

17. The method as defined in Claim 15, further comprising:  
forming the receptacle basket with an annular body, the annular body including the  
central throughbore therein.

18. The method as defined in Claim 17, wherein the central throughbore in the  
5 receptacle basket is at a selected azimuth and declination relative to the offshore structure.

19. The method as defined in Claim 15, further comprising:  
mounting the receptacle basket on the mounting bracket such that the receptacle  
basket is movable relative to the mounting bracket.

20. The method as defined in Claim 15, further comprising:  
10 adjusting an adjustment member to alter an angular position of the receptacle basket  
relative to the mounting bracket.

21. The method as defined in Claim 15, further comprising:  
providing a stop to limit axial downward movement of the receptacle basket relative  
15 to the elongate member.

22. A receptacle assembly supported on a surface or near surface offshore

structure for receiving therein and permanently supporting an elongate member extending downwardly from the structure to one of the seabed or another structure, the elongate member having a supported surface affixed thereto and surrounding the elongate member, the assembly comprising:

- 5           a mounting bracket fixedly secured to the structure;
- a receptacle basket supported on the mounting bracket, the receptacle basket having a central throughbore therein for receiving the elongate member and having a basket supporting surface complimentary to the supported surface on the elongate member; and
- the basket supporting surface on the elongate member being arranged such that, when
- 10          the supported surface on the elongate member engages the basket supporting surface, the elongate member will be positioned at a selected azimuth and declination relative to the offshore structure.

23.       The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 22, further comprising:

- the bracket and receptacle basket including a projecting formation as to one and a
- 15          receiving formation as to the other for selective engagement and disengagement of the receptacle basket and the mounting bracket.

24.       The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 22, wherein the receptacle basket is movable relative to the mounting bracket.

25. The receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 22, further comprising:

an adjustment member of adjusting an angular position of the receptacle bracket  
relative to the mounting bracket.

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